

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in light of the amendments.

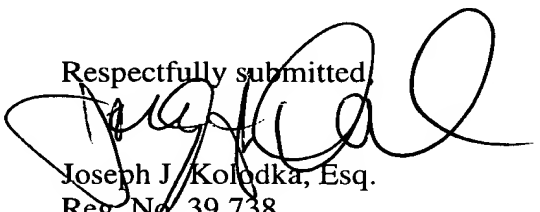
In reply to claim 5 indicated as allowable, claim 23 has been amended to include the subject matter of now cancelled claim 5.

In reply to claim 22 indicated as allowable, claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of now cancelled claim 22.

Claims 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12-14, 16, 17, 19, and 20-23 are in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or other matters whose resolution may be advanced by a telephone call, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

No fees are due with this communication. In the event that any additional fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the application, they may be charged to applicant's representatives Deposit Account No. 07-0832.

Respectfully submitted,


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